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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

We draw the attention of the Examiner to the attached English-language version of an International-type Search Report from a foreign office in respect of counterpart International Application No. PCT/CN03/00857 that indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office. The Search Report makes consideration of any non-English art required. MPEP 609.

Applicant's overseas representative provides the following comments regarding the non-English Chinese references.

CN1184856A disclosed a method of extracting arsenic and gold from raw material in the condition of normal pressure roasting reduction. Arsenic is subject to oxidization reaction to produce As₂O₃, and As₂O₃ is then reduced to element arsenic under high temperature with carbon or H₂. The result of fine gold is extracted by conventional method.

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CN1045379A disclosed a device used for extracting gold from sulfur and arsenic containing material in the condition of oxidation atmosphere. First, As and S₂ are subject to oxidization reaction to produce As₂O₃ and SO₂; As₂O₃ and SO₂ are then reduced to As and S₂ under reducer (such as SnCl₂ and H₂); finally, the result of fine gold is extracted by conventional method.

CN1363696A disclosed a method of extracting gold from high sulfur and arsenic containing gold material in oxidation furnace. As₂O₃ is then reduced to As under reducer of carbon.

CN1096058A disclosed a method of extracting arsenic from raw material with addition agent of K_2O_3 in oxidation furnace, and As_2O_3 is then reduced to As under reducer of carbon or H_2 .

Clearly, compared with the references of CN1096058A, CN1363696A, CN1045379A and CN1184856A, PCT/CN03/00857 disclosed a method of extracting arsenic in vacuum and the equipment thereof. And arsenic is **not** subject to oxidation reaction to produce AS₂O₃ which is then reduced to arsenic in the condition of reducer atmosphere. Therefore, atmosphere does not involve in the chemical reaction of materials in the furnace under vacuum condition, and radically eliminating the condition in which virulent AS₂O₃ is generated, also radically eliminating the condition in which waste gas and wastewater is generated.

Form PTO-1449 is also attached with reference copies.

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